

Senate Resolution 528

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mr. Alan Harkness; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Alan Harkness is an exceptional citizen who, since 2013, has faithfully
3 served the communities of Chattahoochee, Marion, Muscogee, and Stewart counties as the
4 director of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries in the great State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Harkness is a driving force for innovative services and positive impact in
6 these communities, leveraging his commitment to servant leadership, good humor, and belief
7 in the transformational power of libraries to benefit and inspire all Georgians; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Harkness has devoted his considerable talents to fostering a culture of trust,
9 respect, and equity, most notably by trailblazing the path as the first fines-free library system
10 in Georgia, dramatically reducing barriers to library service, and inspiring a movement of
11 libraries across the state to carefully examine his freely shared data and follow in his
12 footsteps; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Harkness, in his more than 30 years of library service, has always been
14 generous with his time and spirit, consistently demonstrating clarity of purpose, tenacity, and
15 the value of building connections among everyone he meets as well as providing a singular

16 example of library leadership with an uncanny combination of ambition, patience, and
17 compassion; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Harkness acts as a champion for all of the Chattahoochee Valley libraries
19 and for libraries across the state through active involvement with the PINNACLE Leadership
20 Institute, the Regents Public Library Advisory Committee, and the Georgia Library
21 Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Harkness has been named the Library Director of the Year by the Georgia
23 Public Library Service, and it is an honor to recognize him for his efforts and contributions
24 to our state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 congratulate Mr. Alan Harkness upon his recognition as the Georgia Public Library Service's
27 Library Director of the Year and extend best wishes for continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Alan
30 Harkness.